

NOTICE OF PUBLIC CONSULTATION MEETING
PROPOSED RULE 317 – CLEAN AIR ACT NON-ATTAINMENT FEES
Friday, October 31, 2008 – 9:00 a.m.
South Coast Air Quality Management District
CC-8
21865 Copley Drive
Diamond Bar, CA 91765

Purpose of the Consultation Meeting

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) has scheduled a public consultation meeting to present and solicit information and comments from the public regarding Proposed Rule (PR) 317 – Clean Air Act Non-Attainment Fees. The proposed rule is scheduled to be considered for adoption by the AQMD Governing Board at a public hearing tentatively scheduled for December 5, 2008.

Air Quality Objective

The air quality objective of this rule is to mitigate VOC and NOx emissions from major stationary sources until the AQMD is in attainment with the federal one-hour standard for ozone. PR 317 implements Control Measure MCS-08 of the 2007 Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP).

Summary of Proposed Rules

PR 317 promulgates the mandatory requirements for air basins classified as “severe” or “extreme” that have not attained the federal one-hour standard for ozone in the AQMD, by the statutory deadline as referenced in Sections 182(d), 182(e), 182(f) and 185 of the 1990 amendments to the Clean Air Act (CAA). The AQMD encompasses the South Coast Air Basin along with portions of the Salton Sea Air Basin and the Mojave Desert Air Basin. The South Coast Air Basin is classified as “extreme” for the federal one-hour ozone standard and the Salton Sea Air Basin is classified as “severe” non-attainment. Mandatory CAA provisions, require that air basins classified as severe or extreme must either be in attainment with the federal one-hour standard for ozone by 2007 or 2010, respectively, or adopt fee rules to mitigate both VOC and NOx emissions from major stationary sources. For the purposes of this rule, a major stationary source in an extreme non-attainment air basin is a source that has the potential to emit 10 or more tons of either VOC or NOx emissions in the attainment year or thereafter (and 25 tons or more of either VOC or NOx per year in a severe non-attainment air basin). Sources that have emissions in excess of eighty percent of their attainment year emissions will be required to pay the fee specified in the CAA.

California Environmental Quality Act

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the AQMD’s Certified Regulatory Program (Rule 110), the AQMD will prepare appropriate CEQA documentation for the proposed adoption of Rule 317. Upon completion, the CEQA document will be available at AQMD Headquarters, by calling the AQMD Public Information Center at (909) 396-2039, or by accessing AQMD’s CEQA website at: www.aqmd.gov/ceqa. Comments, questions or suggestions regarding the CEQA analysis should be directed to:

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Available Supporting Documents and Other Relevant Information

Copies of the draft rule and the supporting preliminary draft staff report are available on the web at <http://www.aqmd.gov/rules/proposed.html> and may also be obtained from:

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Submission of Documents or Comments

The public is requested to send documents, studies, data or comments relevant to PR 317 by November 7, 2008 to:

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